

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows, this listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) In a cold goods container for a cooling apparatus having an open front side, at least one pullout shelf, and sidewalls diverging in a direction of the front side, a guide assembly comprising:
  - a compensating element;
  - at least one pair of guide rails guiding the pullout shelf at least partway out of the cold goods container through the open front side; and
  - said compensating element mounting at least one guide rail of each of said pair of guide rails at one of the sidewalls at an acute angle to the sidewall, said angle being defined to extend said rails of said pair of guide rails parallel to one another.
2. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein:
  - said compensating element is a plurality of compensating elements;
  - each of said guide rails has one of said compensating elements; and
  - said compensating elements of said guide rails of said pair of guide rails are mirror-symmetrical.
3. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein:
  - each of said guide rails has a compensating element; and
  - said compensating elements of said guide rails of a pair of said guide rails are mirror-symmetrical.
4. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein said compensating element is formed at said guide rail in one piece.
5. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein said compensating element is integral with said guide rail.

6. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein said compensating element is wedge shaped and extends substantially over an entire length of said guide rail.
7. (Withdrawn) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein:  
said guide rail has an end facing the front side; and  
said compensating element is a local projection of said guide rail in a region of said end.
8. (Withdrawn) The guide assembly according to claim 4, wherein:  
said guide rail has an end facing the front side; and  
said compensating element is a local projection of said guide rail in a region of said end.
9. (Withdrawn) The guide assembly according to claim 5, wherein:  
said guide rail has an end facing the front side; and  
said compensating element is a local projection of said guide rail in a region of said end.
10. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein:  
said guide rail has a C-shaped cross-section with a top leg, a bottom leg, and a center piece joining said top and bottom legs; and  
said compensating element is formed in said center piece.
11. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 4, wherein:  
said guide rail has a C-shaped cross-section with a top leg, a bottom leg, and a center piece joining said top and bottom legs; and  
said compensating element is formed in said center piece.

12. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 5, wherein:  
said guide rail has a C-shaped cross-section with a top leg, a bottom leg,  
and a center piece joining said top and bottom legs; and  
said compensating element is formed in said center piece.
13. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein:  
said compensating element has a contact surface adjoining the sidewall;  
and  
said guide rail carries, on said contact surface of said compensating  
element, at least one hook protruding through an opening of the sidewall.
14. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein said guide  
rail has at least one hook protruding through an opening of the sidewall.
15. (Original) The guide assembly according to claim 1, wherein:  
the sidewalls have ribs; and  
said at least one pair of guide rails are mounted in a region of said  
sidewalls without the ribs.
16. (Original) In a cold goods container for a cooling apparatus having an  
open front side, at least one pullout shelf, and sidewalls diverging in a direction of the  
front side, a guide assembly comprising:  
at least one pair of guide rails guiding the pullout shelf at least partway out  
of the cold goods container through the open front side, said at least one pair of guide  
rails having an integral compensating element mounting at least one guide rail of said  
pair of guide rails at one of the sidewalls at an acute angle to the sidewall, said angle  
being defined to extend said rails of said pair of guide rails parallel to one another.

17. (Original) In a cold goods container for a cooling apparatus having an open front side, at least one pullout shelf, and sidewalls diverging in a direction of the front side, a guide assembly comprising:

at least one pair of guide rails guiding the pullout shelf at least partway out of the cold goods container through the open front side, said at least one pair of guide rails having:

an integral compensating element mounting at least one guide rail of said pair of guide rails at one of the sidewalls at an acute angle to the sidewall, said angle being defined to extend said rails of said pair of guide rails parallel to one another; and

a C-shaped cross-section with a top leg, a bottom leg, and a center piece joining said top and bottom legs, said compensating element being formed at said center piece.

18. (Original) In a cold goods container for a cooling apparatus having an open front side, at least one pullout shelf, and sidewalls diverging in a direction of the front side, a guide assembly comprising:

at least one pair of guide rails guiding the pullout shelf at least partway out of the cold goods container through the open front side, said at least one pair of guide rails having:

an integral compensating element mounting at least one guide rail of said pair of guide rails at one of the sidewalls at an acute angle to the sidewall, said angle being defined to extend said rails of said pair of guide rails parallel to one another; and

at least one hook protruding through an opening of the sidewall.

19. (Original) A cooling apparatus, comprising:
  - at least one cold goods container having:
    - an open front side;
    - at least one pullout shelf;
    - sidewalls diverging in a direction of said front side; and
    - a guide assembly having:
      - a compensating element;
      - at least one pair of guide rails guiding said pullout shelf at least partway out of said cold goods container through said front side; and
      - said compensating element mounting at least one guide rail of each of said pair of guide rails at one of said sidewalls at an acute angle to said sidewall, said angle being defined to extend said rails of said pair of guide rails parallel to one another.